Recent news reports have indicated a rise in violence related to drug cartels in border towns and other areas in Mexico. In the last year, over 7,200 individuals living in Mexico have lost their lives due to this violence. The Federal government has acknowledged as a nation, we jointly share in the responsibility for the growth in violent narcotic trade by creating a demand for illegal drugs. Public safety is of paramount importance to Mexico and Los Angeles County, and we should do our part to keep our communities safe on both sides of the border.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Office and the Sheriff's Department identify any law enforcement surplus property, such as bullet-proof vests or vehicles, that can be donated to Mexican law enforcement agencies to fight the escalating war against drugs.

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